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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08049.0008

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Oscar Lee AVANT et al.) Group Art Unit: 3653
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Application No.: 09/652,709) Examiner: Daniel K. Schlak
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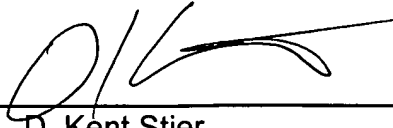
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